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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

With the growth of online education, our region's need to expand the availability and affordability of Internet service has become increasingly important. Wireless Internet service can be a major help to those looking to access online education. For these reasons, we support the proposed AT&T-T-Mobile merger.

Created in 2006 to help K-12 public schools in South Mississippi and Louisiana recover from Hurricane Katrina, Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT) USA's TeachUp! Program uses technology to accelerate student learning and technological proficiency in more than 250 K-12 public schools. We operate along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in the Mississippi Delta as well as in New Orleans, Louisiana. To date, DOT USA has trained and deployed over 790 TeachUp! Interns to empower more than 16,000 teachers in the use of 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies and digital information to engage more than 480,000 students to become prepared citizens, ready to succeed in a technology-driven, global workforce.

DOT USA recruits, trains and places tech-savvy individuals into public schools, community centers, libraries, and job centers as Interns. These Interns spend the year helping expand understanding and appreciation of computers, technology resources, and the Internet. Interns offer training and coaching, helping more than 3,500 community members and displaced workers to access information, apply for jobs, and complete government forms.

As you may imagine, our program's success depends in large part on high-speed Internet service. The continued improvement of America's wireless communication networks in this area is vital to our success. By approving the proposed T-Mobile merger with AT&T, the FCC will help our region gain the kind of high-speed 4G/LTE wireless access that is so crucial to our education efforts and helping our community members succeed in a global economy. The new company will be better able to help DOT USA provide wireless education to an increasing number of public schools throughout the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf regions.

Our goal is to see students better prepared for the 21st century and to create endless possibilities for future generations. Thank you for your support of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

Sincerely,

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